

## **FEMININE PROTECTION KIT**

### **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention pertains to hygiene kits, and more particularly pertains to a easily transportable, unobtrusive, lightweight feminine hygiene protection kit.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The maintenance of personal hygiene is a vital concern for females, and the concern is amplified at the onset of menstruation and throughout the menstrual cycle. Such onsets occur without warning and often at the most inconvenient and unexpected times. Thus, it is generally impossible to be prepared for every contingency for when this  
10 may occur, and the individual, especially an active, on-the-go female, will not wish to restrict her activities in order to simply await the onset of menstruation. Therefore, it is desirable to have some type of feminine hygiene item or product readily available for wiping and cleaning purposes and also a feminine protection item in the form of a napkin, pad, or tampon for providing continued protection thereafter. Such feminine hygiene  
15 items or products should be lightweight and unobtrusive so they can be carried in one's pocket, purse, or handbag so as to not impede the individual's diverse activities; and they should also be simple and easy to employ and capable of simple and efficient sanitary disposal.

Thus, the prior art discloses a number of devices and products for maintaining and  
20 enhancing female personal hygiene.

For example, the Anderson patent (U.S. patent 4,896,768) that discloses a presaturated wipe product that includes an irradiated pad of dilute glutaraldehyde

attached to a layer of packaging material and which maintains its disinfectant activity long term due to the prior irradiation.

The Finkel et al. patent (U. S. patent 4,702,378) discloses a baby change kit that includes a dry towel, a wet towel, baby powder and soap contained within a foldable  
5 plastic film container.

The Gerry patent (U.S. patent 4,901,851) discloses a feminine cleaning package that includes a pair of sponges sealed within respective waterproof packets both of which are disposed within a waterproof package.

The Nieves patent (U.S. patent 5,261,531) discloses a feminine hygiene package  
10 that includes a dry wipe, a wet wipe and a sanitary napkin stored within an enclosure.

The Reed patent (U.S. patent 5,740,554) discloses a mitten device for removing feminine hygiene products and which can be inverted after removal of the product for disposal therewith.

The James patent (U.S. patent 6,059,100) discloses a feminine hygiene disposal  
15 system that includes a main container storing therein a plurality of separable disposable containers.

### **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

A lightweight, easily portable feminine hygiene protection kit includes a packaging having a cavity or chamber for storing therein a feminine protection item and a  
20 feminine wipe. The feminine wipe is enclosed in a wrapping for maintaining the sanitary qualities of both the wipe and the protection item, and the wipe can be scented to enhance the cleansing and freshening process, especially during female menstrual cycle times. After the wipe has been used and the used feminine protection item has been removed,

both the used wipe and the used protection item can be placed in the packaging for safe and sanitary disposal in, for example, a refuse container.

It is an objective of the present invention to provide a feminine protection kit that provides females with a fresh physical sense after each change of a feminine napkin, pad  
5 or tampon.

It is another objective of the present invention to provide a feminine protection kit that is convenient for active, on-the-go women.

It is yet another objective of the present invention to provide a feminine protection kit that eliminates the need for a female to use a wet tissue for personal  
10 cleansing purposes and for carrying more than one feminine hygiene product.

It is still another objective of the present invention to provide a feminine protection kit that is easily portable and can be carried in a pocket, purse or handbag.

Yet still another objective of the present invention is to provide a feminine protection kit that is inexpensive and that can be easily and safely disposed.

15 A yet still further objective of the present invention is to provide a feminine protection kit that saves storage space and gives enhanced comfort to females at those critical times each month.

Still a yet further objective of the present invention is to provide a feminine protection kit wherein the packaging of the kit can be used as a disposal container for the  
20 napkin, pad, or tampon and the feminine wipe.

These and other objects, features and advantages will become apparent to those skilled in the art upon a perusal of the following detailed description read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing figures.

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the feminine protection kit of the present invention illustrating a square-shaped container being opened to remove a pad-shaped feminine hygiene product and a feminine wipe attached thereto;

5        Figure 2 is a sectioned elevational view of the feminine hygiene kit shown in figure 1;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a feminine protection kit illustrating a cylindrical-shaped feminine hygiene product encircled by a feminine wipe;

10        Figure 4 is a sectioned elevational view of the feminine hygiene kit shown in figure 3; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view illustrating the disposal of the feminine hygiene kit first shown in figure 1 wherein the feminine hygiene product and the feminine wipe are placed in the package for disposal in the rubbish container.

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT**

15        Illustrated in figures 1 – 5 are several embodiments of a portable feminine hygiene protection kit that can be carried by a female for easy use and safe and sanitary disposal. Shown in figures 1 and 2 is a feminine hygiene protection kit 10 that includes a lightweight, waterproof container or packaging 12 that includes a holding cavity 14 and a lift up or peel off lid 16 for accessing the contents held within the cavity 14. The primary  
20        components stored within the packaging 12 are a feminine protection item 18 such as a pad, tampon or napkin and a moistened feminine wipe 20 to provide for adequate cleansing after removal of the used tampon. The feminine wipe 20 is available in at least three different scents that permeate the wipe 20: regular, lightly scented, or moistened.

The feminine wipe 20 is enclosed in an easy-to-open wrapper 22 for preserving the sanitary, scented or medicated qualities of the feminine wipe 20. To improve its quick and efficient removal from the packaging 12, the feminine wipe 20 can be attached to the feminine protection item 18 so that both components can be quickly removed together  
5 from the packaging 12 thus avoiding the problem of having them drop on the floor and separate from each other.

In using the feminine hygiene protection kit 10 of figure 1 and 2, the female would open the lid 16 and remove the protection item 18 and the attached feminine wipe 20 that could be a pad, tampon or napkin. After cleansing herself with the feminine wipe  
10 20 and then changing to the new feminine protection item 18, the female user would then place the feminine wipe 20 and the used protection item 18 (the tampon, pad or napkin) in the cavity 14 of the packaging 12. The wipe 20 and the used tampon, for example, would then be safely and sanitarily disposed of along with the packaging 12 in a refuse container 24, as shown in figure 5. The female user is thus provided with a convenient,  
15 easily storable, fresh, clean alternative to employing dry toilet paper, and the female user would be given a renewed feeling of freshness after changing her protection.

Figures 3 and 4 illustrate another embodiment for the feminine hygiene protection kit that can be unobtrusively carried by the female for easy and quick use and disposal. The feminine hygiene protection kit 26 of figures 3 and 4 includes a cylindrical  
20 container or packaging 28 having opposed closed ends 30. The cylindrical container 28 defines an interior chamber 32 commensurate in length with the container 28, and a female protection item 34, preferably a feminine tampon, is held within the chamber 32 of the container 28. In addition, a feminine wipe 36 enclosed and sealed in a waterproof

wrapping 38 is also placed in the container 28 and encircles the feminine item 34 so that the sanitary qualities of the feminine wipe 36 can be maintained and both the wipe 36 and the feminine tampon 34 can be easily stored within the chamber 32 of the container 28. A portion 40 of the body of the container 28 can be pulled back or peeled away to allow  
5 access to and removal of the contents held therein – which for the embodiment of figures 3 and 4 is the feminine wipe 36 and the feminine tampon 34.

The feminine hygiene protection kit 26 of figures 3 and 4 would be used in essentially the same manner as the feminine hygiene protection kit 10 of figures 1, 2 and 5. Therefore, both embodiments 10 and 26 allow a woman to maintain a fresh and clean  
10 physical and mental state throughout an active and busy day while greatly alleviating the discomfiting inconveniences that accompanying the monthly menstrual cycle.

While the invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments thereof, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that numerous modifications, alterations, and variations are possible and practicable, and accordingly, all such  
15 modifications, alterations, and variations are to be regarded as coming within the spirit and scope of the invention.